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Budget Gives More For Development

WELL, well, what a relief! If we must say so, what a relief. So we have been saved from a fate worse than respectability by the selfless snow-white labours of the Lord High Busybodies of our Censorship Board: no African bosom shall be seen in the half-warm libido of an English Zenith eye. Why just now? Because pornography is in the beholder's eye in the tepid tortuousness of his bedevilled brain: pornography, in short, is a direct function of prudery, of sexual repression begot by, fed by, and begetting further prudery and repression. A man is as dirty as his deepest think. But our Censors of Public Rectitude must play fair: if our art and entertainment are to be reduced to the level of tots and toddlers, we deprived and depressed adults have the right to demand that our Guardians of the Glacial Gambols put a stop to the shocking paticle peregrinations of the hunk-hoopers.

IT is not for us to speculate just how far down the Silly Slope this Prude's Progress can go. A certain puritan streak seems to be an inevitable concomitant of youth movements. Zionists and others, which tends to breed a perpetual adolescent frame of mind and to which must be added the stuffy philistine respectability of our emerging middle class, and the strident squawks of orthodoxy. Time and the sun may evaporate these hyperbolic mists but the momentaneum will be useful to make the Censorship Board realize that it is no Arbitrator of Morals and Mores, and should keep its functioning to the bare minimum.

OF a more serious and insidious nature is a certain discernible local tendency to ask for a different kind of censorship, a tendency to copy what may lead to the idyllic portrayal of Israeli life. Libelous calumny. More specifically, this has arisen in connection with two recent publications, one S. Yizhar's long novel about a group of soldiers in the War of Independence, "Days of Ziklag," which is a serious work of art—*a story by Y. Bar-Yossef* according to "Haaretz," and which has little, if any, intrinsic literary merit. Bar-Yossef's story has aroused indignation on two counts. The first, that he portrayed a specific and easily identifiable person and place in an unflattering and unattractive light, does not come within our terms of reference here. The second objection is to the author's frankness in sexual reporting and his emphasis on the differences between the ethnic communities in a development area. The objections to Yizhar's novel, from his portraits of young Israelites rejecting much of their ideological heritage and the charge that they are "empty" (of the objectives' platitude, apparently).

AT a recent symposium on "The Role of the Writer in America" held in Columbia University, Prof. Leslie Fiedler, a brilliant younger American literary critic, had strong words to say on this subject. As "The New York Times" reports it: "Mr. Fiedler declared hellishly that the writer's proper role is a nay-saying, a destructive one. He should not hesitate to tell the world which feeds him... The writer can accept nothing but total truth. To everything else he must say, like James Joyce and the Devil, 'Non serviam.' I shall not serve." The Jew must be false to Judaism, the liberal to liberalism."

THE writer" Mr. Fiedler continued, "must assert the values of the impulsive life, the Id, against all ego ideals, he must engage in a holy war of destruction, not against values, but against the illusion that society is living by any values at all. He must say 'No' to authority. Knowledge, even of what is terrible and sordid and disgusting is itself beautiful!" When a member of the audience shouted, "What about Tolstoy? Did he write out of destructiveness or out of love?", Mr. Fiedler reminded him that "Tolstoy had put forward the most life-denying set of ethical principles ever formulated. He was Tolstoy thought that the human race should cease propagating itself. As for love we ought to be able to assume that we all love certain things — life, the truth. But for the final love, Tolstoy believed in one kind only, *sicut fuit*, love of fate, the ability to embrace existence, however terrible."

LET us say that until our nation is a bit more homogeneous, we might add a dash of prudence, but the writer's task here remains the same.

Jerusalem, December 22.

B-6 Raps Bentov's Release of Letters

POST Political Reporter

The draft budget was brought before the Cabinet on Sunday amounting to IL 1,335m. A general discussion lasted more than six hours and the debate will be resumed at a special Cabinet session later this week, probably Wednesday.

Changes made in the budget over the weekend include an increase of IL 10m. in the Development Budget appropriation for industry. The Treasury had originally suggested IL 10m. for this item. The allocation for oil was raised by IL 50m. to be sourced from Israeli participation by the Jewish Agency, and the total amount budgeted for housing in 1959/60 now amounts to IL 80m. The Agriculture Ministry's development budget was increased by IL 10m. to IL 100m. and funds for the Jordan-Neguev water project were upped from IL 10m. to IL 15m.

The Treasury also increased the Development Ministry's allocation by IL 5m. which brings it to IL 70m. — just IL 100,000 over last year's. Ministry of Development sources said on Sunday that they consider this to be freezing their budget. The Ministry will fight for increased allocations, they said.

Calm Discussion

It is understood that the discussion was calm throughout and Ministers confined themselves to practical matters as distinct from "high policy," although the Mapam and Abud Ha'avoda Ministers are understood to have pressed the relations existing between the members of the Cabinet he should draw his own conclusions.

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Obeys Command

At 2:30 GMT a station at Fort 210, Sam Houston, Texas, sent a signal commanding the satellite to repeat the message it had received. The name "Score" given to the American satellite launched Thursday night derives from the initials of "Signal Communications Orbit Relay Experiment."

The announcement said the voice message was sent from a communication station at Corona, California, as the Atlas rocket carrying Score passed overhead shortly after 22.00 GMT.

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Today's Postbags**The Weather**

FORECAST: Partly cloudy. Weather Synopsis: Cool air is penetrating about to our region from Turkey.

	A	B	C	D
Tiberias	12	8	12	14
Gaza Port	13	12	13	11
Nahariya	10	12	21	21
Tel Aviv (Kiryat)	11	11	—	—
Tel Aviv (Port)	12	12	21	21
Lydda Airport	10	12	21	21
Jerusalem	12	12	21	21
Haifa	12	12	21	21
Beit She'an	12	12	21	21
Dimona	12	12	21	21
Netanya	12	12	21	21

* A: Mandate at 8 a.m.; B: Minimum temp., °C; C: Maximum temp., °F; D: Maximum temp. expected today.

ARRIVALS

Mr. Yaakov Tzur, Israeli Ambassador to France, on a month's leave and consultations at the Foreign Ministry, accompanied by his wife, (by E.A.).

Justice R.A. Bissel, of the Supreme Court, for a day stay.

Mr. Natan M. Shmueli, Managing Director of A.B. Balash, Skinskompaniet Stockholm, and of Hollandia & Co Ltd., Tel Aviv, and Mrs. Mauer in the a.s. Theo- dor Herzl.

Mr. Yaakov Nir, of the Ministry of Education and Culture, from a tour of European countries sponsored by UNESCO.

DEPARTURES

Dr. D.E. Rosenzweig, of the Jewish Agency Immigration Department, for Europe, on a departmental mission.

A TAXI DRIVER, aged 25, was detained after a 15-year-old boy told police that he had been raped by him while travelling in his vehicle in North Tel Aviv on Saturday night.

THE BODY of a 55-year-old man was washed ashore late on Sunday afternoon near Rehovot Yomtov, Tel Aviv. Passers-by who noticed the clothed corpse on the beach notified the police, who removed it to the Institute for Forensic Medicine.

THE MENSA, the Hebrew University's student restaurant, on Sunday directed to students free of charge 100 tins of powdered milk each weighing 4½ pounds. The cans, gift of CARE, could not be used in the Mensa's kitchen which does not prepare milk dishes.

THE AZOR-RISHON, the Zion stretch of the highway which runs south from Bnei Brak and Azor, had been completed and opened to traffic. It is 6.5 km. long and seven metres wide.

Athens Transit Centre For Immigrants

The increased wave of immigration to Israel in recent weeks has led the Jewish Agency to set up a transit centre in Athens; it was announced in Jerusalem on Sunday.

The Absorption Department of the Agency has already dispatched a special staff to the Greek capital which will take charge of arrangements for the reception of immigrants, pending their journey to Israel.

Lord Parker Invited To Sit on Bench

The President of the Supreme Court, Justice Olshan, on Monday invited the Lord Chief Justice of England, Lord Parker of Waddington, to sit on the bench. In view of a case involving the use of a well on Government property in an Arab village near Nazareth.

The statement made to the Court by the State Attorney, Mr. Collin Gillon, was translated into English for Lord Parker's benefit and then into Arabic for the two villagers.

The Chief Rabbi and Mrs. Nissim on Saturday received Lord and Lady Parker, who were accompanied by Dr. B. Casper.

Lord Parker will lecture on "The History and Development of Commercial Arbitration in England" under the auspices of the Hebrew University, at 8 p.m., on Monday, at Beit Hillel.

Nuri's Widow Makes Bid For Husband's Estate

Jerusalem Post Bureau

TEL AVIV.—The widow of Nuri Said has made two applications to the High Court in London in connection with the estate of her late husband, *The Jerusalem Post* learned on Sunday.

The first application, for a declaration presuming Nuri Said's death, and the second is for his to be given control of his estate.

It is understood that Mr. Max Seligman, the Tel Aviv lawyer who is acting on behalf of Nuri Said's grandson, Avraham Mazliah, has entered a caveat at the same Court against Mrs. Said's application.

In connection with the caveat, Mr. Seligman is transmitting a decision he secured from the *Kadi* of the *Shari'a* (Muslim) court in Jaffa last week. This consists of a declaration by the *Kadi* that after hearing members of Nuri Said's family and other witnesses, he is satisfied that Avraham Mazliah is the son of Nuri Said's son Sabah, and is thus Nuri's grandson.

The Management of Z.O.A. House

wishes to thank all those persons and institutions who expressed their condolences on the passing away of

Mr. Elias M. Epstein,

Director of the House.

Bentov's Ministry Won't Hand Phosphorus Plant to Koor

Jerusalem Post Reporter

In a bitter personal attack on the Secretary General of the Histadrut, Mr. P. Lavon, the Director General of the Ministry of Development, Mr. Menahem Bader, on Sunday reiterated his Ministry's stand against approving the establishment of an elemental phosphorus plant by a group of private investors headed by Koor, the Solel Boneh heavy industry subsidiary.

Mr. Bader's statement came in the wake of last week's strongly worded exchange between his Minister, Mr. Bentov, and the Minister of Finance, Mr. Eschol, in what marked a general sharpening of the dispute between Mapai and Mapam on economic questions.

At a press conference in Jerusalem he demanded that the plant be set up under the aegis of the Ministry of Development. He said that the Minister had been investigating and planning for the plant for two years and was now on the verge of signing an agreement with a foreign supplier for the necessary equipment and know-how.

Challenging Hypocrisy

Commenting on Mr. Lavon's attack on the Ministry at a meeting of the Histadrut holding company, Hayrat Ovdim, last Wednesday, Mr. Bader charged Mr. Lavon with being responsible for the Histadrut economic sector in its opposition to Koor's ownership of the phosphorus plant. He declared if any one was out to wreck the Histadrut economic sector, it was Mr. Lavon himself and his "yes-men."

He added that the basic points of the coalition agreement called for the establishment of basic industry under Government ownership, and this was exactly what the Ministry was trying to do. He declared that the heads of the Ministry were in duty bound to examine each plan for industrial development on its merits without fear that those who had buried the cause of a labour movement would suddenly resurrect it in order to use it as a marshalling device.

Locusts Reach Eshtaol, But Are Overcome in the South

Jerusalem Post Staff

Locust swarms appeared as far north as Eshtaol, in the Jerusalem Corridor, on Sunday. A large swarm which had settled near Kibbutz Nirim in the Western Negev was annihilated by Plant Protection Department planes on Sunday while on Monday morning another plane will spray the swarm near Nevatim, south of Beersheba.

Only one concentration of locusts remains in the southern Arava out of those that have been appearing in the area since last Friday. This swarm settled on Sunday evening on the road about 10 km. north of Eilat forming a layer 30 cm. thick and two kilometers long, thousands falling victim to the passing traffic.

Children Gather Food

Children with pots and buckets waiting at the bus terminal in Eilat to pick the insects out of the radiator grills of arriving taxis for their mother's cooking pots.

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Dr. Harel, who was a member of the Kanav group, declared that the five physicians on the Committee opposed the majority decisions.

6.2. Submit Own Health Scheme

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV.—The General Zionist Party put out its own health insurance scheme here on Sunday in opposition to the Kanav plan drawn up by the Ministry of Labour. It was presented by Dr. B. Harel, M.K., who is himself a physician, at a conference attended by the Chairman of the Party Executive, Mr. Y. Saphir.

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12 More German Films Passed

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Film Censorship Board, in the six-week period from November 1 to December 15, approved the showing of 12 German-speaking films, of which 11 were in Hebrew and one in English.

Between January 1 and November 1, 1955, Israel imported 70 German-speaking films, ranking a total of 82 reaching the country as far as 1954. Since 396 films of all kinds were imported in the first ten months, German-speaking films constituted about 20 per cent of the total.

Of these 70 films, 21 were produced in Austria, two each in Switzerland and France, and one in Sweden and Czechoslovakia. The rest were from Germany. The co-producing firms were from Italy, 10; France, seven; Austria, six; England, four; U.S.A., two; Spain, Switzerland, Sweden and Israel, one each.

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ISRAEL RAILWAYS MANAGEMENT

Tel Aviv Slashes Budget by IL1.25m.

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV.—The Municipal Council on Sunday decided to cut budget expenditure by IL1.25m. for the remaining three months of the current financial year on the instructions of the Minister of Interior who recently returned the budget to the Council.

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have been hoping for such
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couragement from the very
fact that M. Delouvrier is
an economist by profession,
a fact which has more than
a mere symbolic significance
in the context of the
Algerian situation and
which will have far-reaching
implications for the
economic and social future
of that war-torn territory.

M. Delouvrier has
stressed this aspect of his
task in the first official
pronouncement he made in
his new capacity; he told
the Algerian people in a
radio broadcast on Friday
night that he had come to
help put into operation
General de Gaulle's Five-
Year Plan for the economic,
social and educational
advancement of Al-
geria's Moslem population,
and expressed the belief
that a new Algeria will
come into being through
the efforts and the aspirations
of the Algerians themselves. The new Dele-

guate-General also an-
nounced the allocation of
500,000 francs (\$1,350,000)
to be used for this purpose
over the coming five years.

It is of significance, too,
that, although military
powers will be vested in
General Maurice Challe, an
official announcement from
the French Cabinet last
week stipulated that this
army man would "assist"
the new Delegate-General
on matters concerning the
military situation (defence,
security, etc.), and that M.
Delouvrier will "delegate"
parts of his powers to his
associate. Furthermore,
General Raoul Salan, the
strong man of the May 13
"officers' coup" and Dele-

guate-General since de
Gaulle's assumption of the
Premiership early last
June, has been given a
new post in Paris as In-
specteur-General of National
Defense, thus ending the
administrative anomaly
in Algiers since that date.

In addition to putting an
end to the army's rule in
Algiers, the new appoint-
ments will give support to
General de Gaulle's re-
peated assertion that the
Algerian problem is above
all a human one, and will
help to end the strife, as
the General said during his
visit to Algeria earlier this
month, and open "the page
of progress, civilization
and the brotherhood of
man."

It has been pointed out
by the sceptics that the
economic and social side of
General de Gaulle's pro-
gramme for Algeria can
never satisfy the F.L.N. in-
surgents, whose "Govern-
ment-in-Exile" in Cairo
has displayed a notable in-
difference to the material
as against the political as-
pects of the Algerian prob-
lem. Yet it must be assumed
that Algeria's Mos-
lems, whether F.L.N. ad-
herents or not, will sooner
or later realize the extent
of their country's depend-
ence on Metropolitan France,
where — to mention
only one example — there
are between 350,000 and
400,000 Algerian Mos-
lem workers who support
directly or indirectly, one
third of the Moslem popu-
lation in the country dis-
tricts of Algeria, while
French investments in the
territory provide employ-
ment for more than 100,000
Moslem workers.

War in Algeria, as Gen-
eral de Gaulle pointed out
when making his offer for
negotiation recently, no
longer serves any purpose,
and the Algerian problem
can be solved only in a de-
mocratic manner. Unfor-
tunately, the rebel leaders
have refused to take part
in either the referendum
or the elections in Algeria
during the past three
months, thus forfeiting
their right to express them-
selves democratically.

But it is not too late. The
F.L.N. would do well to
heed the call for concilia-
tion from a great soldier
and patriot of the stature
of General de Gaulle — who
is also one of the few
leaders left in Europe to-
day with a real sense of
honour.

Humphrey's Star Ascends

Interview with Khrushchev Puts Senator Ahead

By PATRICK O'DONOVAN

WASHINGTON (O.P.N.S.) —

THE United States is Hubert Humphrey, the Senator from Minnesota. Back from a private visit to Moscow and an eight-hour interview with Mr. Khrushchev, he was greeted with news conferences, headlines, TV appearances, and visited the President to impart to him two "secrets" told to him by Khrushchev. The newspapermen were saying quite seriously that Mr. Humphrey himself might get that White House job when it falls vacant.

He is probably the most brilliant man in the Senate, plump, volatile, friendly, twinkling, and self-confident. His health has been poor. He worked his way in the accepted American manner. He has taught at a University, is a liberal Democrat, he is of that small inner group of Senators, members of a nameless, formless club, who run the Senate and control among themselves a great deal of the nation's business.

He is not a doctrinaire liberal and in fact works in close alliance with the Southern conservative leader of the Senate, Lyndon Johnson, but is in a minority of his own, an enormous knowledge of government. It seems certain that Mr. Khrushchev has never met an American like him.

Ambassadors, however distinguished, cannot answer Mr. Khrushchev back when he breaks loose and lectures them at a Kremlin bing. Senator Humphrey is the sort of man who would wiggle his finger right back under the Russian's nose and answer back with Marx and Keynes and Adam Smith.

Ike's Difficulties

Mr. Khrushchev — has met Mr. Dulles, who is too stiff, and Mr. Adlai Stevenson, who is too polite and too fastidious. He has met a raft of American journalists who did not come to argue. But Mr. Eisenhower once confessed that he had a hard time trying to justify democracy to his wartime friend, Marshal Zhukov. And only this week in his Press conference, he admitted he could not remember quite what was decided at the 1955 Summit Meeting, and he got the background of Berlin's strange and isolated status wrong.

Mr. Humphrey learned a lot. But more than that, the Senator was partially filling a vacuum in America's diplomacy. Nowadays Mr. Dulles is not attacked here for being too rigid, but for being too rigid. There is little exchange on fundamentals with the Russians, the negotiations are on fringe subjects. Certain aspects of American policy — containment, retaliation, the method of reuniting Germany — have been erected into quasi-religious principles which a man of democratic faith does not question.

The Senator broke through this a little. He is for discussing Berlin — and the

possibility of shifting NATO forces so as to reduce Russia's alarm. He is no defeatist and is more fervent for America's allies than almost any other man in public life. But to him a motionless policy is a dead policy. He would like to take the initiative for a change. And it seems that he did it.

Two Secrets

But it is not quite as simple as that. The Senator may have brought back two secrets that were not already known here. He has yet to prove that he is an efficient inter-
national politician. He has quite seriously that Mr. Humphrey himself might get that White House job when it falls vacant.

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face of the Communist danger in Iraq, and refers to Nasser's demand to Mr. Rountree for the abandonment of Israel as his price for "integration" with the West.

Herut says that, whatever may have been the reasons for Mr. Rountree's omission of Israel, "it is clear that there is an odour of ap-

peasement about this lucky tour." The paper, which has no doubt that Mr. Rountree's hostile reception by the Iraqi crowds was not spontaneous, warns against the danger that the State of Israel will again be re-
duced to the victim, but not to the aggressor. The paper also welcomes the proposal to use existing health services as the basis for the scheme.

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